

a new chapter

paper folded in an envelope,
he came to the doorstep.

God wept, he wept, God wept, he wept.
the depth of a painting,

fainting
feigning interest
faded images
ordained
“sweet dreams,”

float into my skin
all the while a new journey starts
self absorption
sun absorption
facets of self dismantled
candle light when the powers out
here's where I get out
found our portion torn apart and discarded
the card in my pocket
the fortune in the cards I was dealt
reversal of honesty
reversal of self
heart on my sleeve
blood in a jar on my shelf
a heart set free, finally
set me down so I can breath
dry heave
eternal release
truth on the path
peace on the side like signs
resign from roles
toll bridge
I stoke the coals
open the fridge
a rotten smell rises
reprise my role.
linger in my spine
fingers of divine guidance.
office of a guidance counselor
hotel chandelier.
stay brief
unwind.

at the lake
he was a sore loser
hence forth I'm bruised
soaking
in epsom salts.

cuts on my arms from the roses thorns
olive branch extended
over extended
in my ligaments
as I pull through the tunnel
change the channel
nose runny wipe it on flannel
flammable
a headline scandal
a scalpel blade
a blade of grass
a shard of glass
my last class
scan the room for the exits
what's your last wish?

twine in the lines in the sidewalk
skin walker stalks my lofty goals.
 cleanse my throat,
 make it easier to talk
 step on a crack and you break up the epoch
 it's a walk in the park

urinalysis cultured
fallacies pull apart the whole illusion
it loops once more
gain knob turned
burden in my cup
eyes burn
bird drinking water
dial of the sun turned
mulch on my brain
dirt upturned
her urn.

 indigestion,
help make it easier to question
paid a pretty penny cave my chest in
lesser or greater
choose a number on the pain scale
grayscale filter on my dream life
loose leaf sheet
shun me
some things can't be unseen.

digging out the roots next to rotted fruit
mother smothered me as a new born
 I remember being bathed in a sink
 fingers pink and new
 cut a hole and fall through
 saw dust on the soles of my feet
 the crops saw us as we wandered the field
 petroleum in a puddle
 linoleum floor in the kitchen
 well versed in kitsch
 new kitten crawls on my chest
 stay niche, stay underneath
 evading the best guess
 skin on my knees blistered
 there's no such thing as a bad question.

throw up on my onesie
pacing up and down the hallway
can't wake them up
so the vomit turns cold
 might as well get coal in my stocking.

bury me in my thoughts,
bury me in lust
link up with him like Vasco da Gama
artificial scarcity
implanted memories.

counterparts before and after a comma
after a coma
combo meal, insomnia
 motion sick
 button up my shirt wrong
 gluttony sung about in church song
 hold onto the ladder rung
 walk it out.

we got a lot in common like Neil and Brian
steal my heart and study it for science
cyan is the sky
we fly into with angel wings
had to wing my whole being
just passing through and sight seeing
 saddle on my back spurs digging in
 digging holes
 found bones
 found a home
 evoke terror in my bones,
 I beg of you
 legislated and phoned in
 keep a folder for insurance.

see the sunrise from the cellar
 dwell upon the nail in the coffin
 move with caution.

 sitting in the corner with a dunce cap
 snap back into reality
 I'm not afraid of no salary,
 bitter taste in my mouth
 bird food sitting outside my house
 red light discipline symbol
 cymbal in a song
 resembles a shift
 the trickle down grift
 keep your distance from me
 sickly and grumpy
 lethargy.

 old scabs on the
 old dog with new tricks.
 young kid nuisance
 new sense
 sensor malfunction
 censor what's displayed
I was navigating drains when it rained
 road rage
 the road changed.

arm hair vaporized by the fire
turn the page, there's burning desire
churning the butter,
so it goes.

I'll earn my keep
keep close to the ground
stay asleep
strive for the tried and true
obliging you,
to come forth
fourth interval of knocks on my door
time warp
mind lingers on what's sore
eat the right portion size
pour out a glass
open casket.

petrified wood next to geodes
ode to every feeling
time theft
you're on the clock

on the median of the road at midnight
my daily plight found in the headlights
box full of lighters I stole
igniting the bowl

yahweh watches over me
still pulling out my baby teeth
sheath belief in self
all my cries for help
the common depravity
make it up as you go along.

solidified class schedule,
residue on the glass drools down the side
wipe my glasses off with a micro fiber cloth
cut from that cloth
dirt clods in my socks
soggy moss on the rocks I weed between
read between the lines slow guillotine
pit and the pendulum type of mind frame
eye exam
new frames.

dried up creek
dry heat
fatty tissue
matter misuse
shatter the glass ceiling
the last supper
tissue paper in a gift bag
lag behind never line leader
amphitheater talent show
my balance is off.

the hue of my skin changes
in a newly furnished room
there's plenty in the cabinet
grab the bag I packed
the gathering is soon
 in complete warmth like a vest
 cough the lungs out my chest
 tried my best

 stubbed toe in a vacant home
 embrace the unknown
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